

Notice of Public Meeting

Meeting Topic:

Occidental Storage Pond and Recycle Water Project

Date and Location:

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Occidental Fire Station

3821 Bohemian Highway, Occidental, CA

Time:

Occidental Community Service District Meeting, 7 p.m.

Project Presentation Scheduled for 7 to 7:30 p.m.

The Occidental County Sanitation District (District) and the Occidental Wastewater Working Group invite you to attend a public information meeting regarding the Occidental Storage Pond and Recycled Water Project.

The District has been working for several years to identify solutions to issues related to operation of the wastewater system and storage of recycled water that recognize the limited financial resources of the District. After pursuing prior initiatives that proved financially infeasible for District ratepayers, the District has determined that the most feasible and cost effective approach would be to: 1) reduce the amount of flow into the treatment plant; and 2) to expand the District's existing storage and irrigation capacity in order to eliminate discharges to Dutch Bill Creek.

The District is utilizing a grant from the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA) to evaluate project options and potential locations for a recycled water storage reservoir and irrigation. The District has received permission to enter from property owners near the District's existing storage pond in order to perform preliminary environmental fieldwork, including evaluation of potential biological, cultural, aesthetic, geological, and hydrological resources.

The purpose of this preliminary fieldwork is to identify a feasible project alternative and to evaluate which environmental documents would be required for the project. Pending the availability of future funding, the District would complete the required environmental documentation to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act and/or the National Environmental Policy Act, complete the project design, and procure any necessary permits and right-of-way needs. A defined schedule for construction of the project will be known only after the final project design is completed, environmental documents are finalized, permits are acquired, and additional funding is secured.

Comments may be submitted to Doug Messenger, W.A. Engineer II, Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA 95406.

For more information about these meetings contact Amy Bolten, Public Information Officer, at 707-547-1981 or amy.bolten@scwa.ca.gov. or visit www.sonomacountywater.org.

